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## GRAND JURY REPORT.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF UNION.

In the District Court, County of Union, Territory of New Mexico, September Term, 1906.

To the Honorable William J. Mills, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of New Mexico, and Judge of the District Court, sitting within and for Union County, at the September, 1906.

SIR:—

The Grand Jury empanelled at the present September Term, 1906, of the District Court of Union County, New Mexico, having completed our labors for the term, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined into 56 cases during our session and have returned 48 true bills.

We regret to state that considerable crime has been committed in this county during the past six months, and particularly that of stock larcenies, and we recommend vigorous prosecution in all such cases.

We have examined the offices and records of the various county officers and find the same, in the main, well kept.

We have examined the county jail and find the same in a very unsanitary condition, and absolutely unfit for the incarceration of human beings. We recommend that the jail be thoroughly cleaned, and if possible, placed in a sanitary condition; that new plumbing be installed therein and an entire new outfit of bedding be purchased. We ask that the attention of the proper officials be called to this matter by your Honor, as the unsanitary and filthy conditions as they exist at present in the county jail, are a menace to the health of the inmates confined therein.

We recommend that an auditor, or some competent person, be employed to inaugurate a uniform system of book-keeping in the several offices of the county, and that the same be properly carried out.

In examining the minutes of the county commissioners we find the allowance of two illegal bills, which are as follows:—

Payment of two bills for arrest and return of two prisoners who had escaped from the jail at Clayton.

And we hereby call the attention of the District Attorney to the same.

The books of the county treasurer deserve special commendation for their neatness and up-to-date appearance, and give every evidence of efficiency, particularly with regard to the collection of delinquent taxes.

We also found the books in the office of the probate clerk in good order.

Throughout the county we find that a large number of persons, particularly those who conduct small stores, are selling what

## THE CLAYTON "CITIZEN." SUCCEEDS.

### THE CLAYTON "ENTERPRISE."

Our readers are thoroughly familiar with the events of the past three weeks, involving the title to the name of the Clayton Enterprise. We leased from a political association of citizens of Union County some eighteen months ago, the material formerly used in the publication of a Democratic paper known at different times as the Clayton Enterprise and the La Empresa.

It was our intention and our purpose when we leased this outfit to publish a Democratic paper for the upbuilding and advancement of Clayton Union County. After considering what we should name our paper, we decided that, notwithstanding the turbulent career of the paper formerly known as the Clayton Enterprise, which resulted in its thrice disappearing beneath the waves of adversity, to adopt that name for our paper. Our lease for the material contained no reference to the name other than that we were to run a Democratic paper.

It is unnecessary for us to state here that we have at all times run a Democratic paper. Some weeks ago, some of these gentlemen owning the material, deciding that we were not partisan enough in our columns in behalf of Democracy, demanded the paper and material. We turned over the material leased from them, but refused to convey to them The Clayton Enterprise, its subscription list and its advertising patronage. They sued out a temporary injunction, restraining us from the use of the name of The Clayton Enterprise. This temporary injunction granted by Judge Mills was the cause of our having no name for the past three issues. Monday, in the trial of the cause in the district court, Chief Justice Wm. J. Mills, decided that technically the legal title belonged to the Enterprise Publishing Co., and made the injunction permanent.

While we are unchanged in our

is known as "Mead and Malt," which we believe to be an intoxicating beverage; that the same is being sold without license, but we were unable to act in this matter not being fully satisfied that the sale of this beverage comes within the prohibition of our statutes, and we recommend to the court that the District Attorney take proper action to have this liquid analyzed, and if license should be required for sale of the same to take the necessary steps to prohibit the sale of this intoxicant, if such it proves to be, without a proper license being procured for its sale and disposition.

We find that the so-called "Sunday Law" is not being strictly observed by persons conducting saloons, and have found true bills against all persons violating this law. But we hereby recommend that no action be taken thereon, or that sentence, in case of conviction, be suspended, provided those found violating this law shall hereafter refrain from further violation of this statute.

opinion as to who is the owner of the Clayton Enterprise we accept the judgment of the court, and with this issue begin the "Clayton Citizen," which we hope to make such a paper as will be a credit to Clayton and to Union County. The Court decided that the subscription lists and advertising patronage of the Clayton Enterprise belongs to us, so that we lose merely the name.

This paper will continue to be Democratic, advocating Democratic principles, and furthering, to the best of our ability, the interests of worthy Democratic nominees. We however do not intend to be a mere political paper, but we intend to run a splendid weekly paper, giving unbiased and unprejudiced news of Clayton and Union County, and using our efforts for the upbuilding of Clayton and Union County.

We have a proud, educated, cultured and refined citizenship, and such a citizenship as this deserves a first class newspaper. It is our ambition to satisfy this need, and if in the future there appears anything in our columns which does not meet the approval of our readers, we assure you that it is an error of judgment and not of heart.

Chief Justice Mills, in the course of the trial, said: "The Clayton Enterprise as edited by Mr. R. Q. Palmer is the best paper ever published in Union County. It is a credit to the town and deserves the liberal support of its people." This compliment, coming from a learned jurist is appreciated, and The Clayton Citizen will continue to maintain its standing as the best paper published in Union County.

In conclusion we wish to thank our numerous readers and patrons for their liberal support in the past, and feel assured that they will continue it in the future. We are for progress, for Clayton and for Union county.

We are of the opinion that this so-called "Sunday Law" is faulty in many respects, and recommend that the next Legislative representative from Union County use his efforts to have the law amended so as to provide for the immediate closing of saloons, found open on Sunday, by the proper peace officers of the county or town in their respective jurisdictions.

We would recommend that the County Commissioners have placed in the trial jury room a lavatory and closet.

We further recommend that hereafter the County Commissioners inquire into the legality of all bills presented to their body for allowance and that no bill be paid unless the statutes especially provide for the payment thereof.

Having completed our labors and thanking the Court, and all its officers, for the information and assistance rendered us, and the kindness and courtesy shown us at all times, we respectfully ask to be discharged.

Respectfully Submitted,  
FRED I. BURCH, Chairman.  
G. L. MARSH, Secretary.  
Clayton, N. M., Sept. 20th, 1906.

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## CLAYTON LAND COMPANY

Condensed Report of The First National Bank of Clayton, N. M.  
As rendered to the Comptroller of Currency,  
At the close of business September 4, 1906.

RESOURCES	
Bills Discounted	\$176,549.18
Furniture and Fixtures	2,000.00
Five Per Cent Funds	2,500.00
United States Bonds	104,540.00
Cash Sight Exchange	\$53,980.23
Demand Loans	35,885.81
Overdrafts	254.40
	\$371,209.62
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$15,000.00
Surplus	4,000.00
Circulation	20,000.00
Deposits	\$178,297.11
Certificates of deposits	23,523.25
United States Deposits	50,000.00
Territorial deposits	23,523.25
Banks	6,225.38
Other Liabilities (including dividends unpaid and undivided profits)	15,255.91
	\$371,209.62

The above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge,  
N. E. WHITWORTH, Cashier.